

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, On July 26, 1990, President George H. W. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities; and,

*Whereas*, America became the first nation to comprehensively declare equality for its citizens with disabilities; and,

*Whereas*, The state of South Dakota affirms the principles of equality and inclusion for persons with disabilities as embodied in the Americans with Disabilities Act; and,

*Whereas*, Despite the gains we have made, the promise of hope and freedom that is envisioned by passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act – full participation and equal access – remain out of reach for too many individuals with disabilities; and,

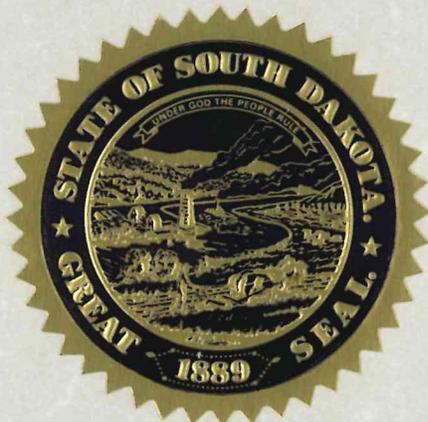
*Whereas*, South Dakota recognizes the continued need to ensure that our policies, practices, and technologies provide all citizens the opportunity to enjoy the highest quality of life; and,

*Whereas*, On the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we celebrate the contributions Americans with disabilities have made to our state and to rededicate ourselves to empowering every individual with equal access and equal opportunity:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2015, as

## *AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:  
*Shantel Krebs*  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State